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## Air Power Quote of the Week

"Air warfare cannot be separated into little packets; it knows no boundaries on land and sea other than those imposed by the radius of action of the aircraft; it is a unity and demands unity of command."

—Air Marshal Arthur Tedder

## Security posture changes

Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin Air Force Base, along with other installations throughout the Air Education and Training Command, reduced its Force Protection Condition from Charlie to Bravo Sept. 21.

Force Protection Condition Bravo means there is an increased threat of terrorist activity and that heightened security awareness measures should be taken.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

### Their service... Our duty

(From left) Retired Col. Thomas Madison, Vietnam prisoner of war, Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, and retired Col. James Lamar, also a Vietnam POW, salute the American flag during a special POW/MIA Recognition Day retreat ceremony Sept. 21 in front of the wing headquarters building. Lamar was the guest speaker at the retreat, while both Lamar and Madison recounted their POW experiences during a discussion at the Operations Training Complex (see story on page 10).

## Department of Defense authorizes Stop Loss

WASHINGTON – The U.S. secretary of defense has authorized the use of Stop-Loss measures in order to support President Bush's campaign against terrorism, Air Force officials at the Pentagon said Sept. 20.

The decision, which gives service departments the authority to retain members beyond established dates of separation or retirement, was made by Donald H. Rumsfeld Sept. 19, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy for the Air Force.

"The purpose of this action is to meet mission requirements in support of Operation Noble Eagle and any follow-on operations regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the nation," she said.

Those attacks, in which hijackers

flew airliners into New York's World Trade Centers and the Pentagon, killed thousands of Americans and sent shockwaves throughout the world. In a Sept. 20 address to Congress, President Bush responded to the attacks by essentially declaring war on the world's network of terrorism.

As a result, as many as 50,000 reservists – including people in each branch of service – have been called to active duty in recent days. Title 10 of U.S. Code permits the president to enact Stop-Loss measures when such a call-up takes place, Middleton said.

"Title 10 permits the president to suspend any provision of law relating to promotions, retirements and separations during any period when mem-

bers of any reserve component are on active duty under involuntary mobilization authorities," she said.

Middleton said the Air Force will employ a "total force approach" to capitalize on the unique composition of each force element, including active-duty members, Guard and Reserve.

Capt. Amy Anderson, chief of retirement and separation policy for the Air Force, said the key will be to ensure the service retains the critical skills needed for mission requirements. For at least the short-term future, the policy – effective immediately – will affect all bluesuiters.

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# Commanders' Corner

**Col. Rick Rosborg**

*47th Flying Training Wing commander*

## Base appearance everyone's job

Fall is here, and the cooler weather is a welcome change from the hot Del Rio summer. While fall brings with it beautiful falling leaves and autumn colors, it also brings gusty weather – which means trash is easily blown around the base.

Keeping the base clean requires constant work. While we have groundskeepers who work diligently to keep the lawns mowed and shrubs trimmed, they can't possibly get to every plastic bottle or plastic wrapper that may be blowing around base because of high winds – that's why I need your help.

Team XL is a proud organization. The only way to show that pride is for every person to play a role in maintaining the pristine appearance

of the base. If you see trash, pick it up. If you see a dumpster open, close it. If you see a trashcan blown over, pick it up and put it back where it belongs. If you see a dumpster that's full or overflowing with trash, call the civil engineer squadron so it can be emptied.

Keeping the base free of trash is important not only because the base's appearance reflects directly upon every member of Team XL, but because Laughlin – due to its pilot training mission – is a showcase to the rest of the nation and world.

Pilot graduations, assignment drops and track selects. These events take place three weekends out of every month, and they bring scores of American and foreign na-

tional family members and guests to the base.

Graduations also bring in guest speakers from across the nation. And, as one of the busiest pilot training bases in the Air Force, we also host many distinguished military and civilian visitors.

Factor in the numerous monthly events attended by our Del Rio neighbors, and you can easily understand why appearance is so important for a base as visible as ours.

Laughlin Air Force Base is a great place to live and work. Let's keep it that way by sharing the responsibility to keep it attractive and paying extra attention to anything that detracts from our beautiful surroundings.

## Top Three Talk



**By Master Sgt. Paul Tanaleon**

*47th Communications Squadron information management chief*

## Airmen should know benefits before separating

I was young and eager for a job that would provide vast opportunities for travel and adventure. I decided to enlist in the Air Force with a job in administration. It has been a rewarding career.

After basic and technical training, I was sent to Guam. First, with two months left before the end of my initial four year enlistment, I had to decide between making the Air Force a career or going back to Fresno, Calif., to work on my sister's farm. I was naive and wasn't well-informed about some of the Air Force benefits until a seasoned information management superintendent told me about some of his great assignments and how much he enjoyed the Air Force way of life. He influenced me to stay in the Air Force.

It's been a rewarding decision.

The Air Force offers many things private companies don't. The Air Force:

- provides vast opportunities for travel in other parts of the world.
- promotes you fairly through the ranks (enlisted or officer) and moves you up to prestigious leadership positions with the highest dignity and equal opportunity.
- honors its members with the highest recognition.
- pays 100 percent of its members' college tuition.
- provides free medical and dental care.
- has its own housing, hospital/clinic, chapel, legal services, shopping, grocery store, security, financial services and fitness services.

■ offers retirement after 20 years of service.

■ offers 30 days of leave a year.

Every airman should learn about all the benefits the Air Force offers before making the decision to reenlist or separate.

I've been able to see other parts of the world (Pacific and Europe). I'm truly grateful for Air Force fitness, medical, and other programs. The benefits are rewarding.

We have to give credit and appreciate the never-ending lessons from the past and apply them as warriors for tomorrow. I not only appreciate the travel and fitness, but also the other programs that are systematically interconnected and rewarding while serving in the best Air Force in the world.



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*“Excellence – not our goal, but our standard.”*

– 47th FTW motto

### Infocon Alpha

Laughlin is currently in Infocon Alpha, which means there is an increased risk of attack on information systems. People working with these systems should stay alert.

# Firefighter's motto applies to all military

By Lt. Col. Theresa Carter  
355th Civil Engineer Squadron

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. – I developed the idea for this commentary while attending the Department of Defense fire conference a few weeks ago. “The desire to serve, the ability to perform, the courage to act,” is the motto of Air Force firefighters.

Before I could finish the article, the terrorist attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon forever changed the world as we know it. After watching those events, it was clear to me that the motto has a much broader application.

The desire to serve... Each of us wearing a military uniform decided to serve our country for a variety of reasons – perhaps it was patriotism, a desire to travel, or a chance to acquire new skills and an education. Regardless of the reason, we all belong to an organization, and

to a way of life, that's bigger than we are. We're a team of more than a million dedicated soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

As the nation watched in horror the events following the Sept. 11 attacks, nothing brought us closer to tears than the image of firefighters and police officers rushing to provide assistance while everyone else was fleeing the crumbling World Trade Center. Hundreds of emergency responders lost their lives as a result of their desire to serve and placing service before self.

The ability to perform... One of the most basic responsibilities of supervisors and leaders is to ensure the people entrusted to our care are ready to perform their duties when called upon. In the military, these duties are performed across the full spectrum of conflict – from daily peacetime activities to armed conflict against our nation's enemies. The training we do every day ensures we are prepared

for any situation, anytime.

In addition, each of us has a personal responsibility to ensure we are physically and mentally prepared to answer the call. We achieve excellence in all we do through the collective efforts of individuals and supervisors. In the coming weeks, our military may be asked to respond to the barbaric act of terrorism inflicted on us. I'm confident in our ability.

The courage to act... Courage involves not only physical courage but moral as well. Our military history is filled with stories of incredible physical courage, from the first shots fired in the Revolution to the sands of Iraq and Kuwait.

We've also heard stories of great moral courage – individuals who had the integrity to do the right thing, regardless of the personal consequences. People like John Hancock and the other signers of the Declaration of Independence, who knew that placing their signatures on that sacred

document was the equivalent of signing their own death certificates. It's individuals like Sen. John McCain, who refused early release as a prisoner of war in Hanoi because he feared the North Vietnamese would use it for propaganda purposes.

As the granddaughter, niece and cousin of several Los Angeles firefighters and as the base fire marshal at Davis-Monthan, I have a special appreciation for firefighters and their desire to serve, ability to perform and courage to act. My thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who lost their lives in an attempt to save others in New York and to all the victims and their families in this tragic and cowardly act of terrorism.

My faith, however, in our nation's resolve and in the ability of our military to successfully respond to these attacks remains unshakable. May God bless the land of the free and the home of the brave.

## Rising 6 seeks to improve quality of life at Laughlin

By Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hensley  
47th Operations Support Squadron  
terminal instrument procedure specialist

As the president of the “Rising 6” organization, I am trying to get more involvement in our organization from enlisted personnel on base. The Rising 6 is the new name for the Junior Enlisted Advisory Council.

My mission is to try and get at least one new face at every meeting. There are enough enlisted people in the ranks of technical sergeant and be-

low that this shouldn't be a problem, right?

The purpose of the Rising 6 is to improve the quality of life at Laughlin Air Force Base for all personnel assigned. Basically, this means anything is fair game. If it can be improved, we will try to get whatever it is changed. The wing command chief master sergeant has assured me that he will do all he can to help. I have seen this in action and can testify that he helps us a lot. We also have help from the Top 3 and numerous other agencies. Several things have already changed around base you may or may not be

aware of, which resulted from our meetings.

The Rising 6 meeting is not a place to gripe, complain, whine, moan or anything else counter productive to good morale and discipline. We do not “slam” other units or procedures; we correct or improve them. In other words, do not bring up a problem with no solution.

The entire elected staff is new. We have new ideas and a lot of energy to try and change things for the better. Please show up at all of the meetings you can. Without you, junior enlisted personnel, our organization is pointless.

### Actionline

298-5351

timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a



Col. Rick Rosborg  
47 FTW commander

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# Hate crimes not tolerated in Air Force

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – Hate crimes are on the rise across America in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on Sept. 11.

But, even as they assist in cleanup and recovery operations at the Pentagon, Air Force officials are quick to remind bluesuiters everywhere of Air Force policy regarding such conduct. People who violate this policy are subject to action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. To date, one Air Force incident has been reported.

Individuals should immediately report all incidents relating to hate crimes, discrimination or harassment to local military equal opportunity offices, said Bob Cook, Air Force Equal Opportunity

Policy chief at the Pentagon.

Air Force leaders have expressed a personal concern and determination that Air Force people will not be subjected to inappropriate treatment because of their national origin, religious beliefs or physical appearance. Arab-Americans and members of Islamic faith groups are part of our society and the Air Force, and they should not be unfairly targeted for attacks on America, Cook said.

“Unfortunately, the suffering, loss of life, grief and anger that we are experiencing as a result of [these] tragic acts of terrorism may cause some of our people to react negatively and forget this basic tenet,” Cook said. “For that reason, people must be even more vigilant and proactive to prevent these acts and, when necessary, respond to acts of harassment or discrimination.”

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Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, said, regardless of Laughlin’s force protection condition, people must stay focused on the mission.

“It’s critically important that people stay tightly focused on what we’re doing,” he said. “Stay cognizant that, even though we’re at Laughlin Air Force Base, this is serious business. What we do is dangerous, and we must have everyone’s full attention to do it safely and effectively.”

Commanders have the authority to modify FPCONs to suit local threats. In this case, Rosborg has authorized the following additional BRAVO measures:

- Random vehicle searches at base gates
- Barriers at gates to control traffic flow
- Military members should not highlight themselves off base and should wear uniforms only when necessary.
- Travel restriction to Acuna, Mexico, for military personnel remains in effect.
- All personnel must coordinate base visitor requests in writing through the law enforcement desk for approval by the 47th Support Group commander.
- Be suspicious of anything or anyone strange, and call security forces at 298-5100 to report suspicious activity.

Rosborg said that though life following the terrorist attacks has changed, nothing will change in regard to accomplishing

Laughlin’s mission.

“Life in our United States will never be the same,” he said. “We’re not exactly sure how things will change, but they will change. For us at the 47th Flying Training Wing, however, we have a mission. The best way for us to participate in the United States’ response to these terrorist attacks over the next weeks and months is to continue to produce the world’s best pilots.”

Though tough times may lay ahead for some Laughlin family members, Rosborg promised the wing’s full support.

“The wing has made a commitment to take care of the families of any deployed members and to wrap our arms around them,” he said. “We are here for anyone at anytime with as much help as we can provide.”

of disabilities or hardships,” she said. “But, officers being separated due to nonselection to captain, major or lieutenant colonel will not be exempted.”

Members who, as of Saturday, had an approved effective date on or before Monday, or who had made arrangements to ship household goods on or before Monday, are exempt from Stop-Loss.

In addition, people serving an overseas unaccompanied assignment where the tour length is 15 months or less, and who will retire or separate upon tour completion, are exempt from Stop-Loss.

For more information, call Laughlin’s military personnel flight at 298-5812.

## ‘Stop-Loss,’ from page 1

“The initial Stop-Loss period for all Air Force specialties will be for at least 30 days,” she said. “All retirement, separation or transfer actions will be suspended until termination of Stop-Loss, unless an exemption is applicable or waiver is granted. This [Air Force Specialty Code] list will be revised and made available to the public as requirements are validated.”

A few exceptions will apply, Anderson said.

“This suspension does not apply to the mandatory separation or retirement of personnel because

# Newslines

## Laughlin blood drive set

The Southwest Texas Blood and Tissue Center is sponsoring a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Laughlin Fiesta Center.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Todd Draper at 298-6481.

## Promotion ceremony set

An Enlisted Promotion Ceremony is at 4 p.m. today at Club Amistad.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kevin Smith at 298-5336.

## Night flying scheduled

Night flying is scheduled from sunset until 11:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

For more information, call Capt. Ken Shugart at 298-4344.

## Spouses club to meet

The Enlisted Spouses Club will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the base theater.

For more information, call Beatrice Ruiz at 298-2180 after 5:30 p.m.

## College registration starts

Park University is currently holding registration for its Fall II term until Oct. 12.

For more information, call 298-5593.

## Volunteers needed

The Health and Wellness Center is seeking volunteers for the Red Ribbon Week Parade in Del Rio the week of Oct. 20.

For more information, call 298-6464.

## Tree limbs require pickup

Family housing occupants must take trimmed or broken tree limbs less than three feet in diameter to the street curb the first and third Monday of each month for pickup.

For details, call 298-5957 or 4256.

## SGLI increase automatic

For those with SGLI coverage, beginning Nov. 1 the coverage will go up to \$100,000 for spouses and \$10,000 for dependent children, unless the member elects otherwise. Cost for spouses varies depending on age and amount of coverage; there is no cost for children.

For details, call 2nd Lt. Kendra Lowe at 298-5075.

# Mission complete: SUPT Class 01-15 graduates today

## Compiled from staff reports

**S**tudent Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 01-15 graduates at 10 a.m. today in the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the spectrum of Air

Force aircraft and flying missions. Primary training consists of 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized track.

The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo

aircraft training in the T-1; fighter training in the T-38; turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44; and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1. Advanced training lasts about 26 weeks.

Graduates of Class 01-15 have been assigned to duty stations throughout the country.



**Capt. Joshua Olson**  
Class leader  
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. August Pfluger**  
Assistant class leader  
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



**1st Lt. Jarrod Ebner**  
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



**1st Lt. Russell Johnson**  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



**2nd Lt. Jesse Ahearn**  
C-9, Scott AFB, Ill.



**2nd Lt. Paul Brockmeier**  
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif. (AFRES)



**2nd Lt. Stewart Eyer**  
F-15C, Offutt AFB, Neb.



**2nd Lt. Mark Graziano**  
KC-135, Grand Forks, N.D.



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**2nd Lt. John Hitchcock**  
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**2nd Lt. Walter Hunt**  
C-5, Kelly AFB (AFRES)



**2nd Lt. Zachary Jiron**  
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. John Johnson**  
T-1, Laughlin AFB



**2nd Lt. Michael Lewis**  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. William Lujan**  
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



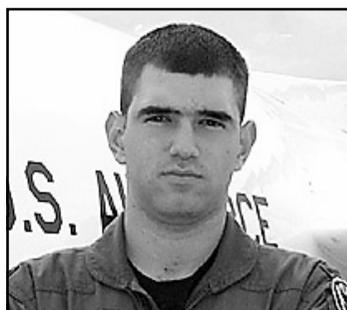
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T-37, Laughlin AFB



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A-10A, New Orleans (AFRES)



**2nd Lt. Tyler Tollman**  
C-5, Dover Del.

# Air Force Academy among nation's best

**By Jennifer Brugman**

*U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs*

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The U.S. Air Force Academy was named second in the 2001 U.S. News and World Report rankings for top aeronautics and astronautics programs in the country.

“We’ve known for decades that we have one of the finest undergraduate aerospace programs in the country,” said Col. Neal Barlow, head of the academy’s aeronautics department. “We hope that the rankings motivate some of America’s brightest students to want to come here

to the academy.”

Barlow credits the outstanding nature of the program to cutting-edge technology the cadets work with on a daily basis. He also said working with a mission in mind gives the aeronautics program a leg up against the competition.

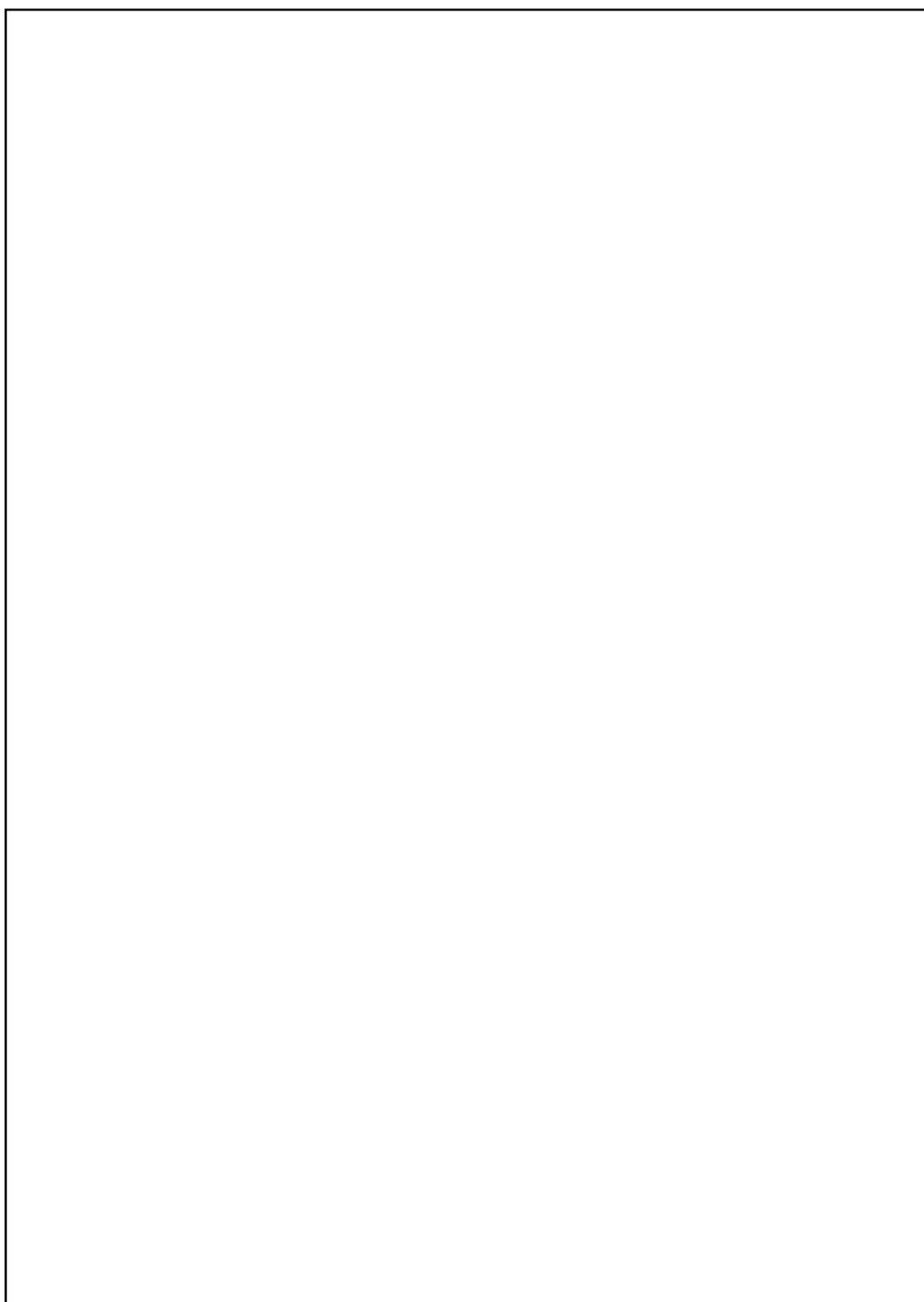
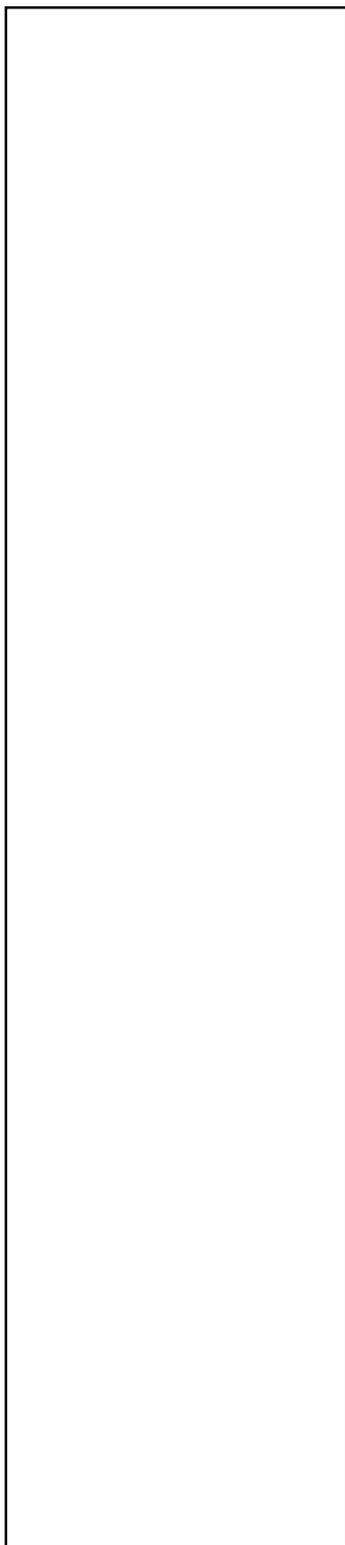
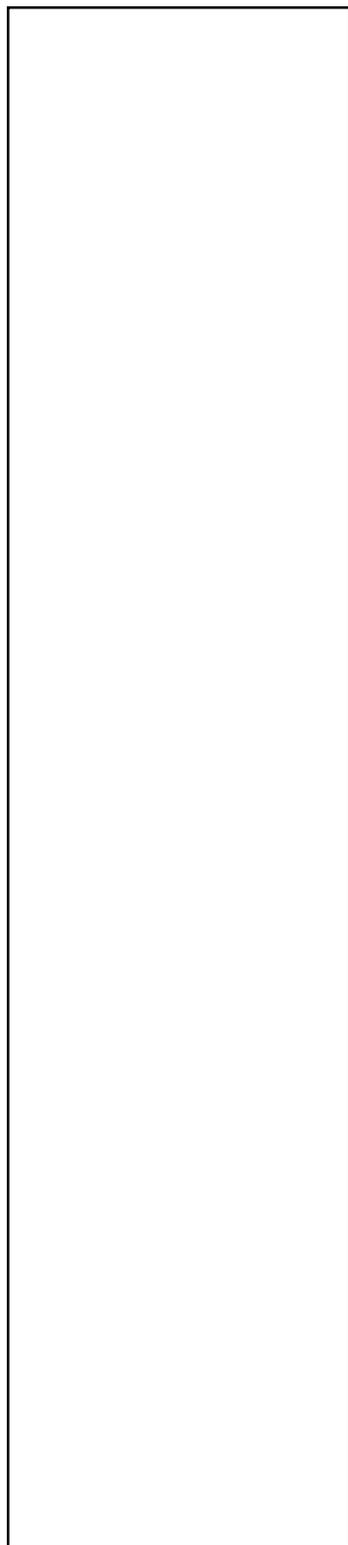
In mechanical engineering, the academy was ranked ninth in the country and sixth in electrical, electronic and communications engineering.

With a 14-percent acceptance rate, the academy ranks as the ninth most competitive in the nation in terms of admissions, making it harder to get in to than the Massachusetts Institute of Technol-

ogy, the U.S. Naval Academy, West Point, Yale, Brown and Georgetown universities, and Dartmouth College.

The 1,271 candidates admitted to the class of 2005 entered the academy with an average high school grade point average of 3.85, an average SAT score of 620 verbal and 650 in math, and average ACT scores of 27 English and 28 math.

For more information on admission requirements and time lines, visit the Air Force Academy’s admissions Web site at [www.academyadmissions.com](http://www.academyadmissions.com), or visit the academy’s main Web site at [www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil).



# Air Force Aid Society assists with 'Attack on America' fund

**By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr**  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – After the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Air Force Aid Society stepped in to lend a helping hand.

The "September 11 Attack on America Fund" was started to help Air Force people and their families.

This fund was created to assist

people stranded around the world because of limited airline service, said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer. It is also intended to help family members of victims with travel expenses so they can attend the bedside of injured people or funeral and memorial services.

People who need assistance should contact their first sergeants or their local family support center.

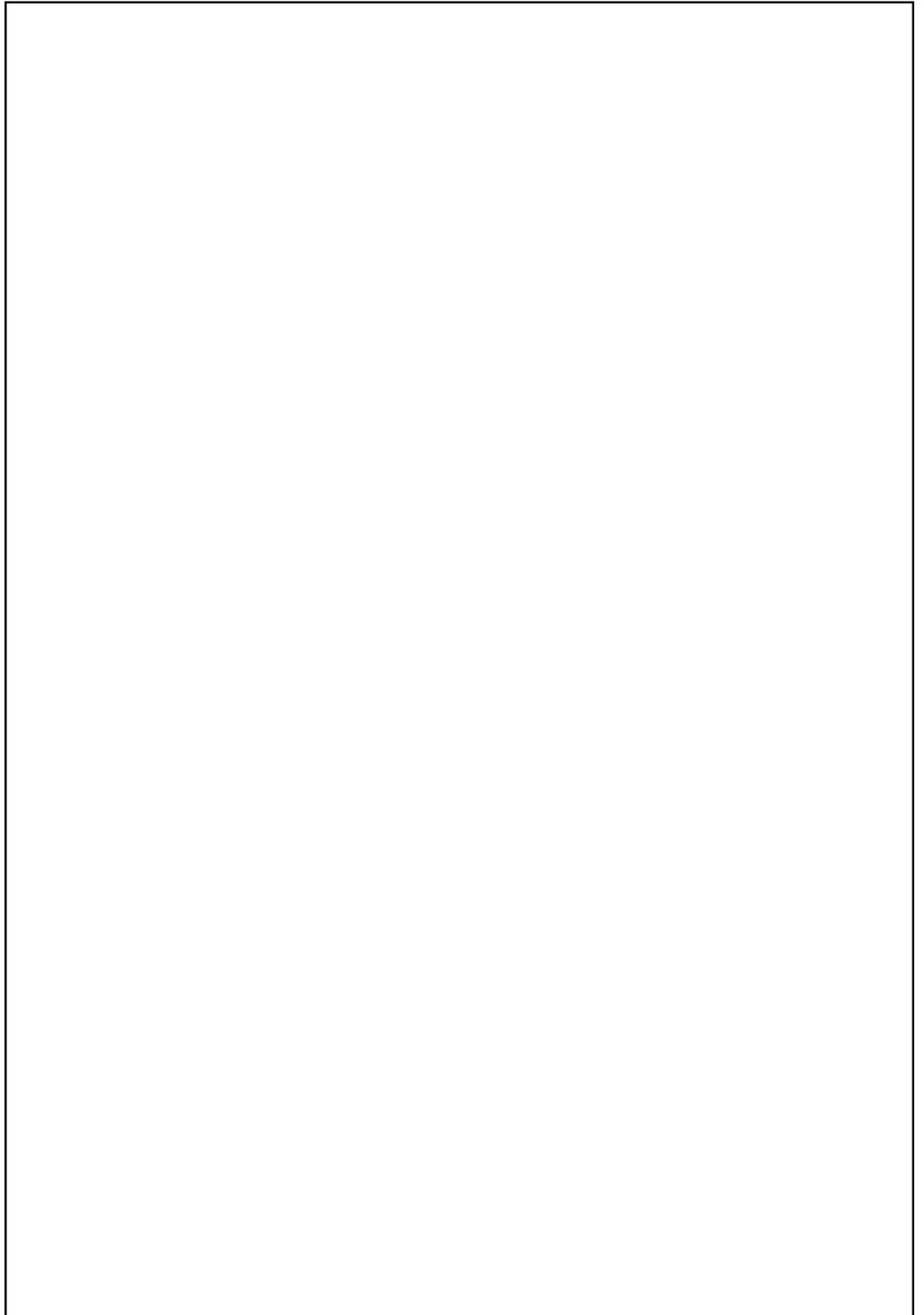
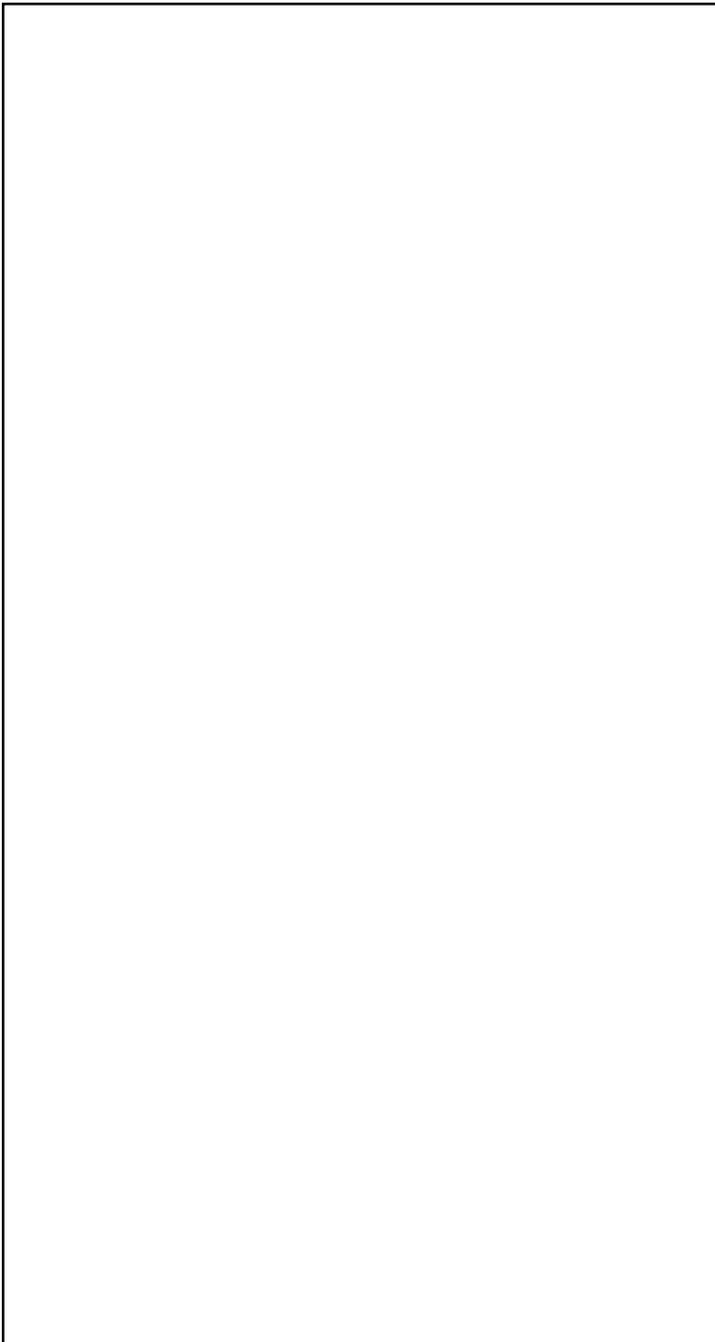
People away from an Air Force base can contact the nearest Army Relief Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Fund or Red Cross. Assistance is open to all Air Force people and their families and provided on a case-by-case basis.

McGinty said 100 percent of all money donated to this fund will go to help troops. People who wish to send a donation by check or cash should mail them to: Air Force Aid

Society Headquarters, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 202, Arlington, Va. 22202.

People who wish to contribute by credit card should call (800) 769-8951 or (703) 607-3064.

Active-duty and retired people may also contribute to the fund by allotment. To contribute only to this fund, finance offices must be told to send the money to the "September 11 Attack on America Fund."



# CFC donations can be earmarked for victims

# Officials ban uniforms on commercial flights

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON – As part of this year's Combined Federal Campaign, the director of the Office of Personnel and Management has authorized special solicitations of federal employees – including Department of Defense civilian and military – and other initiatives to provide relief for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In a Sept. 12 memorandum for heads of federal departments and agencies, OPM Director Kay Cole James wrote: "In view of the magnitude of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, I am authorizing department and agency heads to allow a special solicitation of federal employees at the workplace.

"Such a special solicitation will allow federal employees to assist the ongoing relief efforts in New York City and the National Capital Area with a one-time cash or check donation, outside the normal CFC procedures."

Additionally, "a number of special relief funds have been created or will be created to deal with the relief efforts in the New York City and National Capital areas," James noted in the memo.

DOD's CFC campaign and associated terrorist victim relief solicitations "are starting up already for those organizations that have received supplies and have had their CFC key workers and team captains trained," said W. Stephen Kelly, director of Washington Headquarters Services' voluntary campaign management office. DOD's CFC ceremonial kickoff, he added, is slated for Oct. 2.

Kelly recommends that military and DOD civilians use their CFC pledge cards to choose payroll deduction contributions, noting that organizations are currently receiving "record amounts of cash and checks" earmarked for terrorist attack disaster relief.

"I'm confident they would also strongly welcome payroll deductions, knowing such deductions for understandable reasons tend to be four to five times larger than cash or check contributions, and keep coming to them across the year," he remarked.

A number of charitable organizations that take part in CFC are involved in the New York and Washington relief efforts, James said. Employees can continue to direct contributions to designated charities during the CFC, she added.

However, she added, "the CFC of the National Capital Area and the New York City CFC are uniquely equipped to receive and distribute employee contributions, either to existing CFC charities that are involved in relief efforts" or to the specially created relief funds.

For more information on the Combined Federal Campaign and associated relief efforts for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, see the CFC Web site at [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc).

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

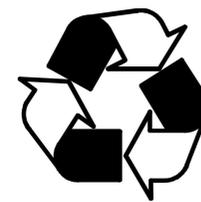
WASHINGTON – Air Force people are no longer authorized to wear their uniforms when traveling aboard commercial aircraft.

The uniform prohibition, approved Sept. 21 by Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, is directly related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon.

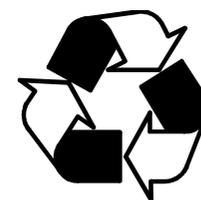
"The bottom line is force protection," said Lt. Col. Bruce Lovely, chief of Air Force quality of life and uniform activities. "Due to our concern for force protection, we want to make our folks less visible on commercial aircraft."

The policy ends the June 2000 recommendation that colonels and above, and chief master sergeants, wear their uniforms when traveling on official orders within the United States.

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# Patriotism sparks recruiting inquiries

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – With patriotism running high, Air Force Reserve Command recruiters are seeing a jump in inquiries since the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

“We normally average 200 Internet leads a day, which are our most promising leads,” said Col. Kevin Reinert, deputy director of recruiting at AFRC headquarters here. “In the past week, we’ve averaged 450 leads a day.”

AFRC recruiting’s national telephone line usually averages 150 leads per day, Reinert said. During the week after the terrorist attacks, the recruiters averaged 600 to 800 calls a day. That number jumped to 1,600 calls Sept. 17.

Some of the calls were from military retirees wanting to return to Air Force Reserve duty.

Air Force Reserve Command has an authorized end-strength of 74,470 reservists.

“We are within a few hundred of our upper limit and are more than 99-percent manned right now,” Reinert said. “By the end of September, we will be at 100 percent. But, we are always looking for hard-to-fill, warfighting support positions, such as aircraft maintenance, fuels specialists, air transportation specialists, medical technicians and services personnel.”

Air Force reservists range in age from 18 to physicians and chaplains in their 60s, Reinert said. The average reservist is about 34 years old with 12 to 14 years of active-duty and Reserve service.

(Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

#### **Sunday**

- Mass, 9:30 a.m.

- Confession by

appointment

- Little Rock Scripture

Study, 11 a.m. in

Chapel Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday**

- Choir, 6 p.m.

### Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama,

call 768-9200

### Jewish

Max Stool, call

775-4519

### Protestant

#### **Sunday**

- General worship,

11 a.m.

#### **Wednesday**

- Women’s Bible

Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m.

at chapel

- Choir, 7 p.m. at

chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.

# Former POW recalls experiences in war

**By Airman Timothy J. Stein**  
*Staff writer*

"I'm not proud to stand here before you and say they were able to break me," retired Col. James Lamar told a base audience during a discussion session at the Operations Training Complex Sept. 21.

Lamar was referring to the North Vietnamese torturing him into talking while he was a prisoner of war during the Vietnam Conflict.

Lamar, along with retired Col. Thomas Madison, both of Austin, helped Laughlin celebrate the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day. Lamar recapped his capture and experience as a POW in Hanoi, North Vietnam, for almost seven years.

During a bombing mission in a F-105D, Lamar, on his 85th combat mission over North Vietnam, was shot down over the small town of Yen Bai, 90 miles northwest of Hanoi.

He said he remembers preparing for the dive run and thinking, as he watched the flak being shot up at him, that this was the last place he wanted to be.

"I saw the flak and I really wanted to go somewhere else," said Lamar. "I wanted to abort the mission."

During the bomb run, Lamar's plane was hit and damaged, and he had to eject. He landed in a field where he was captured and turned over to the North Vietcong Army by a group of peasants.

He was tortured that night and found himself giving more information to his captors than he wanted to. Knowing they could break him, he said, was the worst feeling in the world.

"But at the same time with that came a new resolve, and that was not to give them any more information or do anything that would help them in any way," said Lamar.

This new resolve would be put to the test right away as the next day the Vietcong tried to use Lamar as bait to bring in more airplanes or helicopters to shoot down.

According to Lamar, they told him they were going to take him back to where he was shot down and have him turn on his survival radio and talk to the planes that would be looking for him. They told him they were doing this simply to see if his survival radio worked.

"A light bulb went off in my head," said Lamar. "I said, 'I'm not going to help you. You want to set me up as a flak trap. You want me to talk to my friends while your guns shoot them down.'"

It turns out that is exactly what they wanted him to do.

They took him near the area where he was shot down and gave him his radio to communicate with the rescue planes that were looking for him. Lamar said he knew in his

heart he would never put the lives of his friends in jeopardy.

Lamar told the rescue planes to "go away."

Even when a Vietnamese officer threatened to kill him if he didn't tell the rescue planes where to pick him up (in order to set the Vietnamese trap), Lamar told the planes to go away.

The Vietnamese eventually gave up and took Lamar back to the POW camp, where he stayed until he was released in 1973.

Lamar said he doesn't think of himself as a hero for what he did; he believes it was his responsibility.

"We live in the greatest country in the world," said Lamar.

"We have more things and products that make our lives better than anyone in the world. However, what comes with that [is the] responsibility to protect those assets, those principles for future generations."

# Local youths talk about terrorist attack effects

**By Tech. Sgt. Reginal Woodruff**  
*Public Affairs*

Many children in the United States were in school the morning of Sept. 11. Some may have been studying politics, while others may have been learning about our nation's history.

It wasn't long into the day before their studies were interrupted by the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon.

Those unprecedented attacks have given children across America, including those at Laughlin, an ugly look at history. They've also forced children to think about a side of politics usually reserved for adults who watch and read international news.

"I was in French class when the teacher walked in and said a plane crashed into the [World] Trade Center," said Johann Yanez, 15, son of Jesse and Liz Guerrero. "We all thought it was an accident. Then we turned on the TV, and we saw the other plane crash into it. It was like 'whoa.' We had no idea. I was scared; I was shocked.

Yanez compared the attacks to Pearl Harbor, where more than 3,000 people lost their lives. It was fairly simple to understand that attack as a

war between the United States and Japan. However, in this case, it's more difficult for children to understand who the enemy is.

"They say it was [Osama] bin Laden and his friends," said Inez Garza, 12, daughter of 1st Lt. Raphael and Maria Garza, 47th Operations Support Squadron. "He is on the 10 Most Wanted List, but [government agencies] can't find him. I heard he is really bad; he kills women, children and their families."

Maybe, more than who, children are wondering why someone would attack the United States and kill thousands of innocent people.

"I think they envy us," said Yanez. "They're jealous; we have freedom. They do have a different god. Supposedly, their god told them that [Americans are] the devil... and bin Laden just doesn't like Americans."

Garza also said Americans' freedoms may have prompted the attacks.

"Girls can't go to school [there]; they get no education in Afghanistan," she said. "People have no jobs there. You have the right here to just have fun."

Since the attacks, many people have shown a greater sense of patriotism, flying American flags

at their homes and businesses and on cars.

"My dad flies the flag to respect the people who died and their families," said Anthony McCauley, 9, son of Staff Sgt. Sean and Glenda McCauley, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron. "He makes sure to never hang the flag in the dark or let it touch the floor. It's because America is a good country ... maybe not to some people, but to me."

The attacks have left some Americans afraid and others have acted vengefully against innocent Islamic Americans. Yet, children are listening to and comforted by messages from President George W. Bush.

"I'm also kind of worried we might go to war or that [bin Laden] might attack again," Garza said. "But we have a good president who is making good decisions, and I like his speeches. The president said he is bringing them to justice."

Although bin Laden doesn't like Americans because they're different than he is, Yanez said this country is great because of the differences of people.

"We have to be tolerant of others and their religion," he said. "We shouldn't start treating people bad, only the terrorists. The president said that people are hearing and watching us. We have to show them what America is about."

# Where are they now?

**Name:** 1st. Lt. William Stratton Jr.  
**Class/date of graduation from Laughlin:** Class 99-10, June 1999  
**Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at:** KC-135 Kadena Air Base, Japan  
**Mission of your current aircraft?** Refueling and support for any missions in the Pacific realm  
**What do you like most about your current aircraft?** Real missions with no mock training. Also, we go on temporary duty assignments everywhere in the Pacific.  
**What do you dislike most about your current aircraft?** The KC-135 DASH-1 (owner's manual) has a lot of old A-model guidelines that we still follow.  
**What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly?** Luck and timing have a big role in what you get to fly and where you are stationed.  
**What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin?** Solo offset trail in the T-37  
**What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin?** Study as hard as you can. Skill and knowledge are more important than luck and timing.



(Air Force courtesy photo)

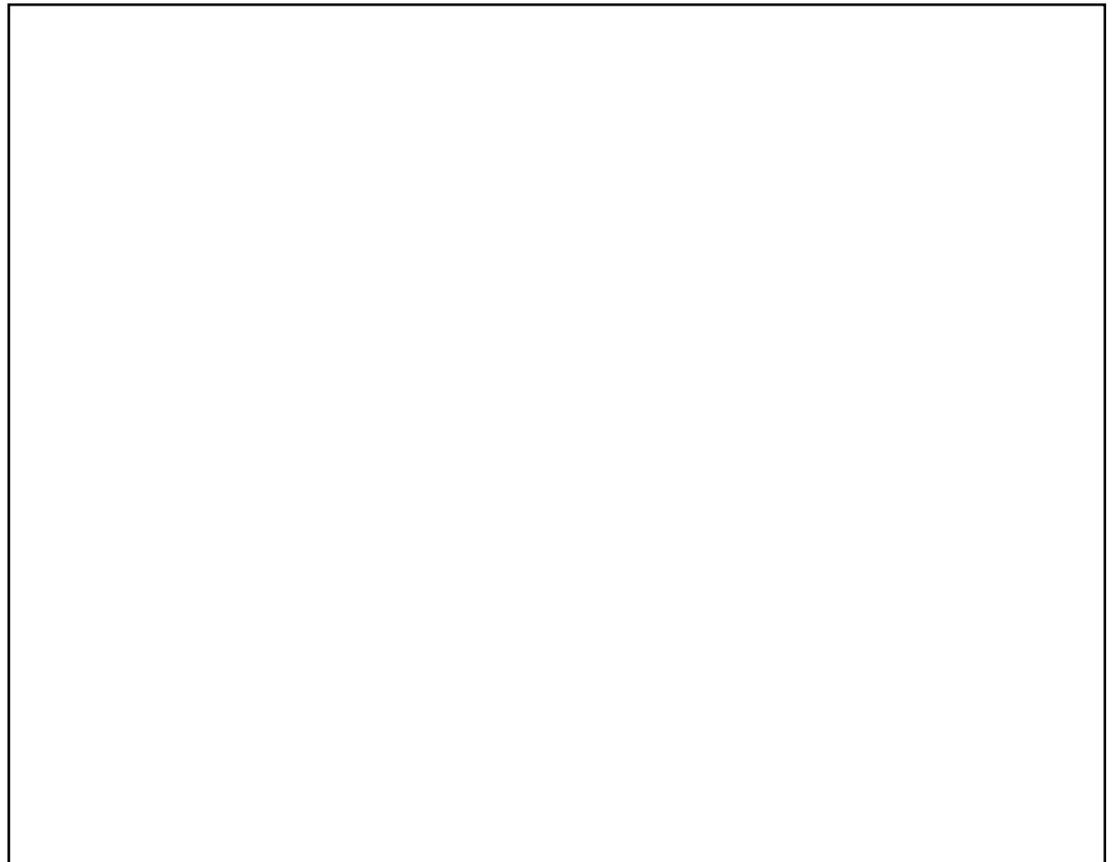
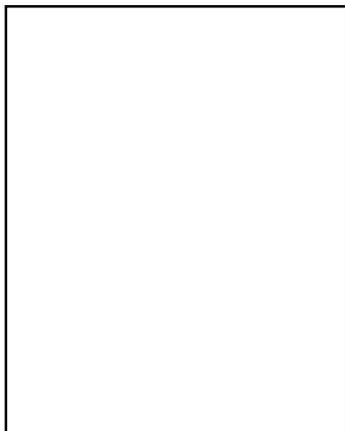
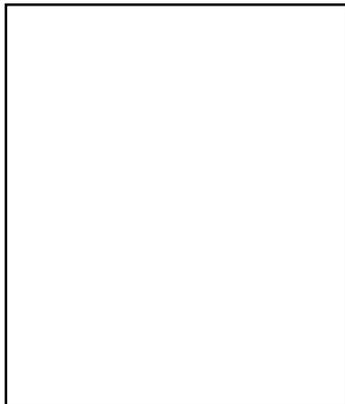
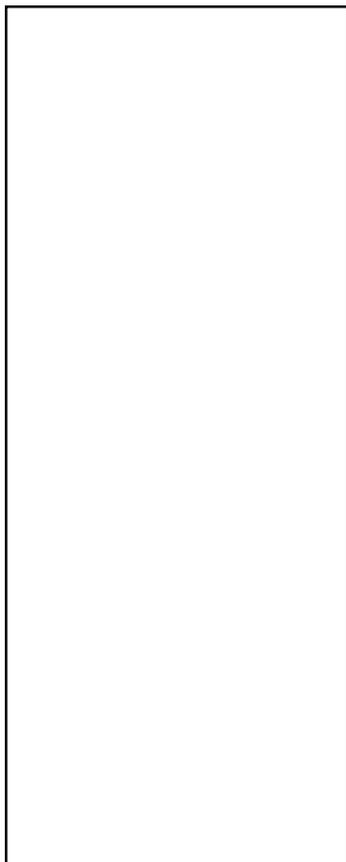
## The XLER

**Hometown:** Birmingham, Ala.  
**Family:** Mother, grandmother and three sisters  
**Time at Laughlin:** 2 years, 9 months  
**Time in service:** 3 years, 3 months  
**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** I don't think Laughlin is a bad base. I've accomplished a lot of things since I've been here. You have to make the best of whatever comes your way.  
**Greatest accomplishment:** Accepting Christ in my life  
**Hobbies:** Going to the gym, reading, shopping, dancing and singing  
**Bad habit:** Eating sweets  
**Favorite food:** Red velvet cake  
**Favorite beverage:** Red Kool-Aid  
**If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because he was a very noble person who wanted love, peace and happiness for everyone on earth.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

**Senior Airman Natosha Blevins**  
 47th Security Forces Squadron  
 scheduler/trainer



## Attacks offer another reason to stay

### Compiled from staff reports

In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, many Air Force people have chosen to continue serving the United States through military service.

Tech. Sgt. Gerino Mirabal, 47th Operations Support Squadron enlisted adjutant, said his decision to re-enlist Thursday had a lot to do with the current situation in America.

"Before, I re-enlisted just because I wanted to," said

Mirabal. "Now I feel like my country needs me to help see things forward."

Mirabal, a New Mexico native, said his way of honoring the victims of the terrorist attacks is by serving in the Air Force.

"As long as I do my job, I'm doing my part in the war on terrorism and helping remember those who lost their lives," he said. "I have a commitment to my country."

Mirabal said he will serve as long as possible.

"Ten years ago I decided I would stay in as long as the

military needs me," he said. "They need me now."

Below are other re-enlistees for September.

#### 47th Operations

#### Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Andy Artieda

#### 47th Security Forces

#### Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Wallace

Senior Airman

Joseph Williams

#### 47th Contracting

#### Squadron

Staff Sgt. Gregory Dennis

#### 47th Operations Group

Tech. Sgt. Marvin Wright

Staff Sgt. Michael Morgan



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# 47th OSS defeats LCSAM, 20-7, in close game

**By Airman Timothy J. Stein**  
Staff writer

After a scoreless first half, the 47th Operations Support Squadron rallied to beat the Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance squad 20-7 in a flag football game Wednesday night at the football field here.

Blane Morgan, 47th OSS quarterback, paved the way by throwing for one touchdown and running for another and, while playing defense, nabbing two interceptions, one for a touchdown.

The first half was a defensive battle with neither team scoring or gaining much yardage.

The second half started much

like the first for the OSS squad. They received the ball first, but after four quick plays, turned it over on downs.

LCSAM wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard. In their first play from scrimmage, Rene Sanchez threw a 10-yard pass to Ray Robles, who evaded tacklers and ran 40 more yards down field for the first touchdown of the game. The extra-point kick was good, and LCSAM was up 7-0.

After receiving the kick-off at their own 38-yard line, Morgan and his squad went to work. They quickly marched down the field with an assortment of short passes for 10 to 15 yards and runs by Morgan for 5

to 10 yards. After only five plays, OSS found themselves with third down and only five more yards for a touchdown. On the next play, wide receiver Paul Mitchell caught a five-yard shuffle pass from Morgan for OSS's first touchdown of the game. The extra-point attempt afterward was good and tied the game at seven each.

LCSAM received the kickoff at their own 25 and quickly moved down the field in an attempt to retake the lead. After a 30-yard completion to Robles and a penalty on the OSS squad, LCSAM found themselves with only two yards to go for a touchdown. In a play Sanchez could have walked the ball into the end

zone, he choose to pass it instead. The pass went right into the hands of defender Morgan, who then ran it 80 yards down the field for a touchdown. The extra point put the OSS squad up 14-7.

With time running down, LCSAM would have to score on their next possession in order to tie the game. OSS's defense, however, had other ideas. After letting LCSAM get one first down, the defense forced four straight incompletions.

With time running down and the ball back in Morgan's hands, OSS added seven more points on a 20-yard run by Morgan, making the final score 20-7.

## Football Standings

(As of Thursday)

AFC			NFC		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Misfits	4	0	LSI Enforcers	6	0
47 CES	2	1	47 OSS	4	1
LCSAM	2	2	87 Talons	3	2
Comm/CON/SVS1	4		84/85 Tweets	2	2
E. Panthers	0	10	86 Rios Lobos	1	3

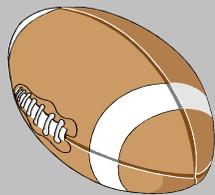
### Scores

#### Tuesday

LSI, 7 - LCSAM, 6  
47 CES, 30 - Comm, 14  
Misfits, 6 - Rios Lobos, 6

#### Wednesday

LSI, 21 - Talons, 7  
47 OSS, 20 - LCSAM, 7  
Misfits, 21 - Tweets, 7



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